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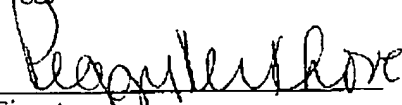
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Applicant: TASAKA, et al. Examiner: Unknown
Serial No.: 10/566460 Group Art Unit: Unknown
Filed: January 30, 2006 Docket: 10873.1829USWO
Title: INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM AND INFORMATION
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Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The art was recently cited in a Japanese Office Action mailed January 30, 2007. A copy of the office action is enclosed. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §(a)(3)):

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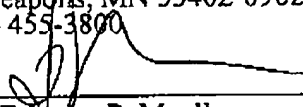
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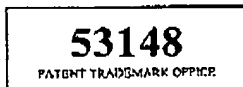
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